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BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1879-80.

JOHN ROGERS, *Pres.*
SOLON W. BUSH, *Vice-Pres.*
Miss SARAH BUNKER, *Sec.*
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JOHN KNEELAND, *Auditor.*

Mrs. Solon W. Bush.
" Adams Ayer.
" Thos. J. Homer.
" Reuben M. Stackpole.
" Wm. S. Leland.
" Isaac Hayden.
" Almon D. Hodges.
" Benj. Mann.
" George E. Foster.
" John Felt Osgood.
" William Blanchard.
" Geo. H. Wyman.
" Francis J. Ward.

Mrs. David C. M. Rupp.
" Wm. F. Jackson.
" Augustus Parker.
Miss Caroline Bartlett.
" Sarah M. Champney.
" Hepsie S. Howard.
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" Ellen L. Swett.
" Anna Haines.
" Sarah D. White.
" Isabella D. Harrington.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The year that has just closed has been marked by the same kind interest on the part of our friends as former years. By contributions of fruits and flowers the spirit of the Home has been made bright, and by the gift of more substantial articles the expenses have been kept within reasonable limits.

The financial depression still affects the resources of many who in the past have been noble helpers and are still our friends and well wishers. With the return of prosperity, we may hope to increase the number of our annual subscribers so as to reduce the amount we now charge as a part payment of board. The fact that we own the house and have no rent to pay makes it possible to get on with the small payment of three dollars a week, with the help of the amount received from our annual subscribers. With rent to pay we could not do this. But we look forward to the time when we shall be able to do better. We should be glad to adopt the course pursued at the Home in Revere Street and receive applicants on payment of an entrance fee alone. But we cannot do this until our funds are largely increased or our subscription list widely extended. Meantime we must be content to do the good we can by enabling those whom friends are willing to help in small ways to have a comfortable home at very small cost.

We have received during the year substantial additions to our invested funds. From executor of estate of C. B. Winn, of Woburn, $2,000. Last year we received from same source $1,000, which was distributed among several funds. On receipt of this large additional sum it was thought proper to establish the C. B. Winn Fund, and to retransfer to it the first sum received.

We have also received a bequest of $200 from Mrs. Rebecca G. Vose, and a gift of $200 from Miss Sarah A. Gardner, of Brookline. Both sums have been credited to Investment Fund. Mr. C. C. Hall has continued his kind contribution of $100 yearly.

Miss Anna C. Lowell has sent $100, and Mrs. Lyman Hollingsworth $20. These three sums have been added to the Lowell Fund.

Just after our last annual meeting, Mrs. Ashman, whose gentle spirit had been a benediction to the household, and who had borne her long period of suffering with heroic Christian fortitude, passed on quietly to her rest. The remembrance of her sunny smile of gratitude for every little kind attention is an inspiration to us to help in any possible way. It was a delight to serve her, because there was no spirit in her of grumbling or exacting discontent. She recognized the fact which is not seen or felt, that while charity droppeth like the gentle dew of heaven, and is twice blessed, its quality must not be strained nor its exercise be demanded on compulsion.

Later, another gentle spirit passed on. Mrs. Bryant, who always looked at the bright side of things, and who confidently trusted to be received into the everlasting mansions, found, we believe, full fruition of her hopes in the beginning of the present year.

Another, Miss Blaney, whose home with us was only for eleven weeks, also passed away, and was buried from the church of the First Religious Society, to which she belonged.

We have to thank our kind friend, Mr. E. B. Reynolds, for his constant interest in providing preachers for each Sunday afternoon during the year. This service has been rendered for four years, and now he feels obliged to decline to continue the work longer, to the great regret of the managers, who have placed upon their records their sense of grateful appreciation of his faithful service, and of those who have assisted him. We are under great obligation, also, to Mr. Nazro and family, to Miss Libby, and to Miss Lucy Foster for their assistance in the musical part of the service.

The government of the Young Men's Christian Union, in Boylston Street, have laid us under obligation by furnishing to each of the inmates two long rides during the season.

The thoughtfulness of our friends of the Flower Mission of Hollis Street has brightened our home by frequent gifts of flowers.

Mr. Louis Prang generously sent a lot of seasonable pictures at Christmas, which afforded much pleasure.

Thanks are due to our friends Misses Cowdry, Hubbard, Thaxter, Weston, Jones, and Mrs. Rogers, who have added much to the enjoyment of the inmates by their visits and their readings. When

the ear heard them it blessed them, and many a heart has been made by them to sing for joy.

The good physician, Dr. Streeter, has also continued our obligation to him for his faithful, disinterested service to the inmates whenever needed.

A special enumeration of gifts will be found appended to this report, for all of which we return grateful thanks.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In presenting a statement of the condition of the funds of the Home, the Treasurer would say that he has put the bonds at their par value, charging off the premium paid.

He would also call attention to the establishment of a new fund, called the C. B. Winn Fund, from the late C. B. Winn, of Woburn, from whose estate three thousand dollars have been paid to the Home.

Dr. ADAMS AYER, *Treasurer*, in account with ROXBURY HOME. Cr.

April 1, 1878.	Balance		$1,948.46
March 31, 1879.	Receipts, viz.: —		
	Board of inmates	$2,355.06	
	Subscriptions	471.00	
	Interest and donation	388.78	
			3,214.84
			$5,163.30
April 1, 1879.	Balance, $1,282.20.		

March 31, 1879.	Expended, viz.: —	
	Table supplies	$1,124.25
	Fuel and gas	383.96
	Nursery	100.00
	Dr. Streeter	100.00
	Salary and wages	885.73
	Transfer to vested funds	968.34
	Incidentals, including medicines, repairs, furnishing, and sundries	318.82
	Balance	1,282.20
		$5,163.30

The following statement includes all the property belonging to the Home: —

House and furniture, estimated		$17,000.00
Adams Fund	$500.00	
Caroline Porter Fund	4,709.55	
Lowell Fund	1,985.89	
Investment Fund	4,100.00	
Gilbert S. May Fund	3,300.00	
C. B. Winn Fund	2,900.00	
		17,495.44
		$34,495.44

Examined and found correct.

JOHN KNEELAND, *Auditor*.

LIFE MEMBERS, $50.00.

Mrs. Thomas Adams.
" Nathaniel I. Bowditch
Miss Louisa B. Champney.
Miss Sarah M. Champney.
*Mrs. George Dove.
Henry S. Shaw.
William Taylor.

ANNUAL MEMBERS, $3.00.

In order to lighten the burden of the supporters of the Institution, and in the hope of extending the interest in it, the yearly subscription has been reduced to three dollars. It is hoped that many well-wishers into whose hands this Report may come will feel inclined and able to aid in this charity. Subscriptions or contributions may be sent to Adams Ayer, Treasurer, 439 Albany Street, or to either of the Managers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF ANY AMOUNT WILL BE RECEIVED.

Appleton, Mrs. Mary G.
Appleton, William C.
Ayer, Adams
Ayer, Mrs. Adams
Amory, Miss Mary

Bartlett, Mrs. Henry
Bartlett, Miss Caroline
Bartlett, Miss Mary H.
Balch, Miss Ann
Bacon, Augustus
Bacon, William
Blanchard, Mrs. William
Bradford, Mrs. Charles F.
Brown, Atherton T.
Bush, Solon W.
Bush, Mrs. Solon W.
Brigham, Elizabeth D.
Brigham, Joseph L.
Briggs, Lucius H.
Bradlee, Nath'l J.
Bradlee, Mrs. Nath'l J.
Bunker, Miss Sarah

Clarke, John J.
Cotting, Mrs. Benj. E.
Cunningham, Mrs. Chas.
Campbell, Miss Willietta
Clark, Mrs. Mary L.

Davis, Mrs. Isaac
Dixwell, Mrs. John J.

* Deceased.

Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth
DeWolf, John L.

Farnsworth, Walter
Farnsworth, Mrs. Walter
Fellowes, Miss Charlotte
French, Jonathan
Foster, Mrs. George E.
Flint, John S.

Guild, Henry
Guild, James
Greene, Mrs. Franklin

Hickling, Mrs. Charles
Hodges, Almon D.
Hodges, Mrs. Almon D.
Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.
Hollingsworth, Lyman
Hollingsworth, Mrs. Lyman
Homer, Mrs. Thomas J.
Howard, Miss Hepsie S.
Hayden, Mrs. Isaac
Haines, Miss Anna

Jackson, Mrs. Wm. F.

Lowell, Miss Anna C.
Lowell, Mrs. J. Amory
Leland, Mrs. William S.

Morrill, Mrs. Joseph
Munroe, Mrs. George H.
Mann, Mrs. Benj.
Mann, Mrs. John J.
Martin, Mrs. Henry A.

Nevers, Miss Lucy A.
Nazro, Mrs. Fred. H.

Otis, Mrs. Theodore
Osgood, John Felt
Osgood, Mrs. John Felt.

Putnam, Miss Anna
Parker, Mrs. J. Wells

Reynolds, Edward B.
Reynolds, Mrs. William J.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Rogers, John
Rogers, Miss Susan
Rogers, Miss Laura D.
Rice, Mrs. Edward E.
Randall, Miss Belinda L.
Rice, Mrs. Geo. Woods
Rupp, Mrs. D. C. M.

Sargent, Mrs. Epes
Snow, Miss Salome H.
Sturgis, James
Stackpole, Reuben M.
Stackpole, Mrs. Reuben M.
Shed, Mrs. Joseph G.
Swett, Miss L. Ellen

Thacher, Miss Caroline B.
Townsend, Miss Anna S.
Tolman, Mrs. James
Tucker, Mrs. Joseph W.
Thompson, Mrs. Augustus C.

Weld, Miss Susan
White, Mrs. Henry
Whiting, Mrs. William
Willard, Mrs. Paul
Williams, Stephen
Williams, Miss Mary
Williams, David W.
Wheelwright, Mrs. George W.
Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah
Waterman, Mrs. Joseph S.
White, Miss Sarah D.
Ward, Mrs. Francis J.

The following persons have officiated at the Sunday services for the year ending April 27, 1879: —

1878.		
May	5.	Rev. A. H. Plumb.
"	12.	E. B. Reynolds.
"	19.	Mr. S. T. Cobb.
"	26.	Rev. C. D. Bradlee.
June	2.	Mr. C. F. King.
"	9.	Dr. D. G. Woodvine.
"	16.	Mr. Franklin Williams.
"	23.	Mr. Wm. H. Reed.
"	30.	Mr. John Kneeland.
July	7.	E. B. Reynolds.
"	14.	Mr. L. H. Briggs.
"	21.	Dr. F. W. Goss.
"	28.	Rev. L. G. Barrett.
Aug.	4.	Mr. C. K. Dilloway.
"	11.	Mr. Edward Wise.
"	18.	Mr. F. H. Nazro.
"	25.	Mr. Eben. Alexander.
Sept.	1.	Rev. S. W. Bush.
"	8.	Messrs. Dilloway and Reynolds (Vesper).
"	15.	Rev. N. S. Folsom.
"	22.	Rev. Percy Browne.
"	29.	Rev. J. G. Brooks.
Oct.	6.	E. B. Reynolds.
"	13.	Mr. Wm. P. Gannett.
"	20.	Rev. C. A. Reese.
"	27.	Rev. Wm. Bradley.
Nov.	3.	Rev. C. C. Beaman.
"	10.	Rev. Thos. D. Howard.
"	17.	Rev. R. G. Seymour.
"	24.	Mr. W. A. Bowdlear.
Dec.	1.	Rev. F. A. Dillingham.
"	8.	Rev. J. W. Johnston.
"	15.	Rev. Adams Ayer.
"	22.	Rev. Lyman H. Blake.
"	29.	E. B. Reynolds.
1879.		
Jan.	5.	Mr. S. T. Cobb.
"	12.	Rev. Jos. E. Barry.
"	19.	Mr. John Kneeland.
"	26.	Rev. S. W. Bush.
Feb.	2.	Rev. Wm. P. Tilden.
"	9.	Rev. E. Cutler.
"	16.	Mr. Jos. G. Shed.
"	23.	E. B. Reynolds.
Mch.	2.	Rev. B. F. Hamilton.
"	9.	Rev. Geo. N. Thomas.
"	16.	Mrs. Jane L. Patterson.
"	23.	Rev. H. M. King, D.D.
"	30.	Rev. Henry F. Jenks.
April	6.	Rev. J. L. Dudley, D.D.
"	13.	E. B. Reynolds.
"	20.	" " "
"	27.	" " "

LIST OF DONATIONS.

Mr. C. G. Davis: Five quarts blueberries, twenty squashes, watermelons and apples.
" Jacob Fottler: Lot of squashes.
" J. C. Hunneman: Variety of fruits for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
" E. B. Reynolds: Pears, several times.
" John Rogers: Oranges.
" L. Prang: Christmas gifts of pictures.
Mrs. Billings: Calla lilies.
" S. G. Davis: Tomatoes, several times; apples and oranges.
" Day: Pears.
" H. E. Freeman: Box of apples.
" A. D. Hodges: Christmas turkey.

Mrs. T. J. Homer: Apples, several times; plums and crockery.
" A. Parker: Flowers, several times; squashes.
" Jonas Pierce: Tea rolls.
" Plympton: Barrel of apples.
" Reed: Flowers, several times.
" Robbins, of Acton: Two barrels of apples.
" Newell: Pears, several times; Christmas cake.
" G. Wyman: Cake.
Miss Champney: Cross of flowers.
" L. H. Champney: Variety of fruits for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
" A. Haines: Large chair.
" Harrington: Flowers.
" E. L. Swett: Flowers.
" S. White: Flowers, cakes, and apples.
Flower Mission: Flowers.
Immanuel Church: Flowers.
A friend: Apples.
Miss Newell: $5.
American Unitarian Association: "Christian Register" for the year.

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19 INMATES.

	Age.
*Mrs. Margaret Ashman,	78
Miss Harriet S. Burrill,	73
*Mrs. Susanna B. Bryant,	83
Miss Elizabeth Babcock,	75
Mrs. Eliza Bowman,	76
" Amelia M. Ball,	78
" Eliza R. Carsen,	63
" Susan T. Catalso,	86
" Mary Chadwick,	84
" Louise P. Dewing,	78
" Sarah D. Gouch,	81
" Louise Grothusen,	67
Miss Harriet Hall,	78
Mrs. Hannah Keller,	79
Miss Eliza Melcher,	76
Mrs. Margaret A. Rogers,	85
Miss Sarah Seaverns,	72
Mrs. Synthia Smith,	83
Mrs. Emeline G. Wilder,	85
*Mrs. Margaret Withers,	93

*Deceased.